



District of Columbia Washington Navy Yard

Facility and Location

The Washington Navy Yard is located on 66 acres in southeast Washington, D.C. and is bordered on the north by residential housing, on the south by the Anacostia River, on the west by the General Services Administration, and on the east by an industrial area. Navy Yard was founded in 1799 on land set aside by George Washington and is the oldest Navy shore facility and first served as a shipbuilding facility. It provides administrative support for many naval services in Washington, D.C. During World War I, it housed manufacturing facilities which produced various guns used in the war and is currently home to a variety of activities including Headquarters, Naval District Washington (NDW). NDW functions as the military coordinator for most of the Navy units in the Washington, D.C., Northern Virginia, and Maryland areas. Washington Navy Yard has been designated a National Historical Landmark by the National Park Service and features the Navy Museum, the homeport for Navy history. Lab work performed includes the development of new, experimental projects involving pyrotechnic devices intended strictly for military use. Examples are: submarine recognition signals, aircraft smoke bombs, aircraft distress signals, miniature practice bombs, anti-aircraft traces, aircraft flares, torpedo recovery devices, and pyrotechnic fuses.

Media Sampled and Findings

Drinking Water — In 2007, one sample detected perchlorate at 1.5 ppb. Prior to 2007, one sample detected perchlorate at 0.77 ppb.

Appropriate Actions

Not Applicable. All samples were below the EPA and DoD Preliminary Remediation Goal of 15 ppb.